

# FY07 SOMERVILLE BUDGET HEARINGS

## Library Department

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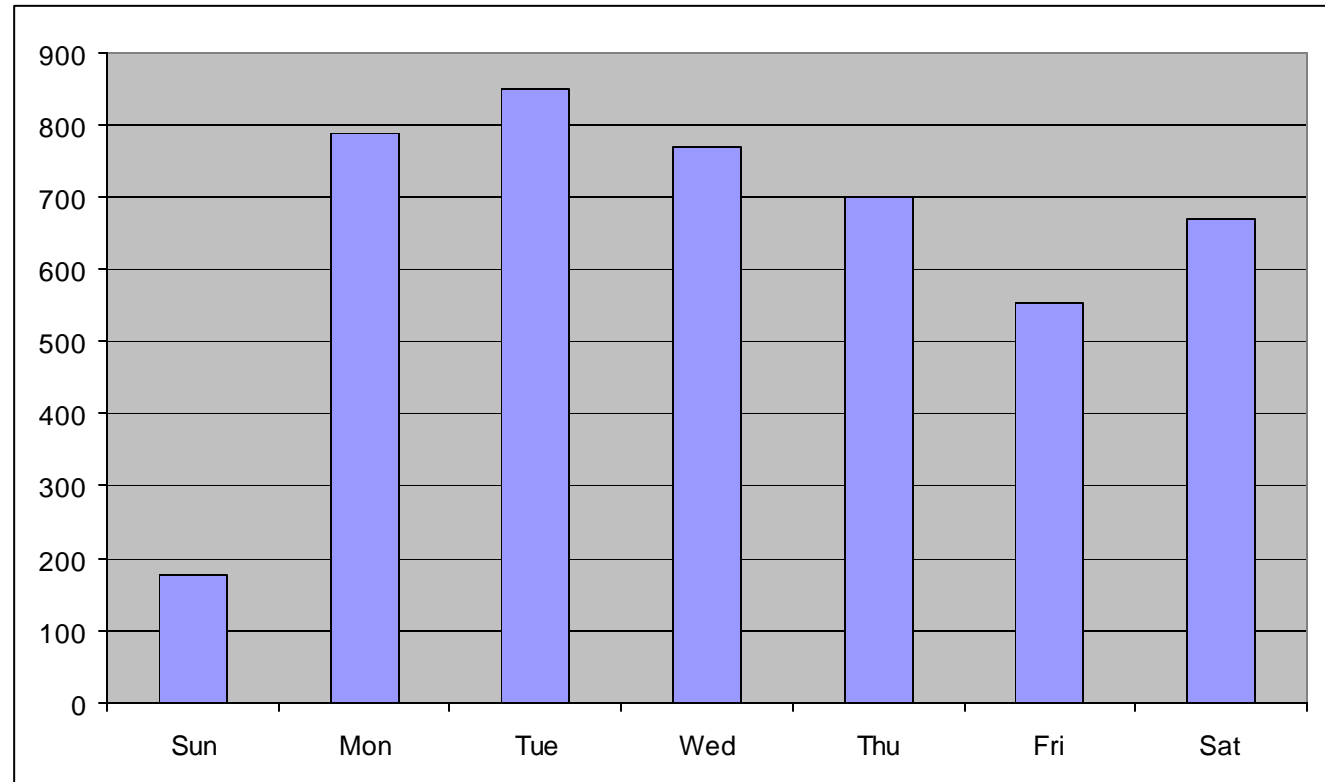
# 1. LIBRARY – FY06 Accomplishments & Initiatives

## Increased Library Hours :

- West Branch re-opened Wednesdays 2pm - 6pm.
- East Branch re-opened Fridays 10am - 2pm.
- State aid funds used to open the Central Library on Sundays from 2pm - 5pm for a 10-week pilot project.

**Average Count by Day (3/3/06-5/7/06) at Central Library**

**In a 2003 Survey**  
The greatest  
number of  
suggestions stated  
that the Libraries  
should be open  
more hours.



## 2. LIBRARY – FY06 Accomplishments & Initiatives

**The Library Administration began a planning process to discuss options for improvement to facilities and services.**

- The Mayor and Trustees hired consultants Providence Associates to produce a long-term facilities and services study.
- Various City officials, community leaders and focus groups evaluated library services and buildings in September 2005.
- At the first Central Library Sunday afternoon opening in March 2006, study results were presented.

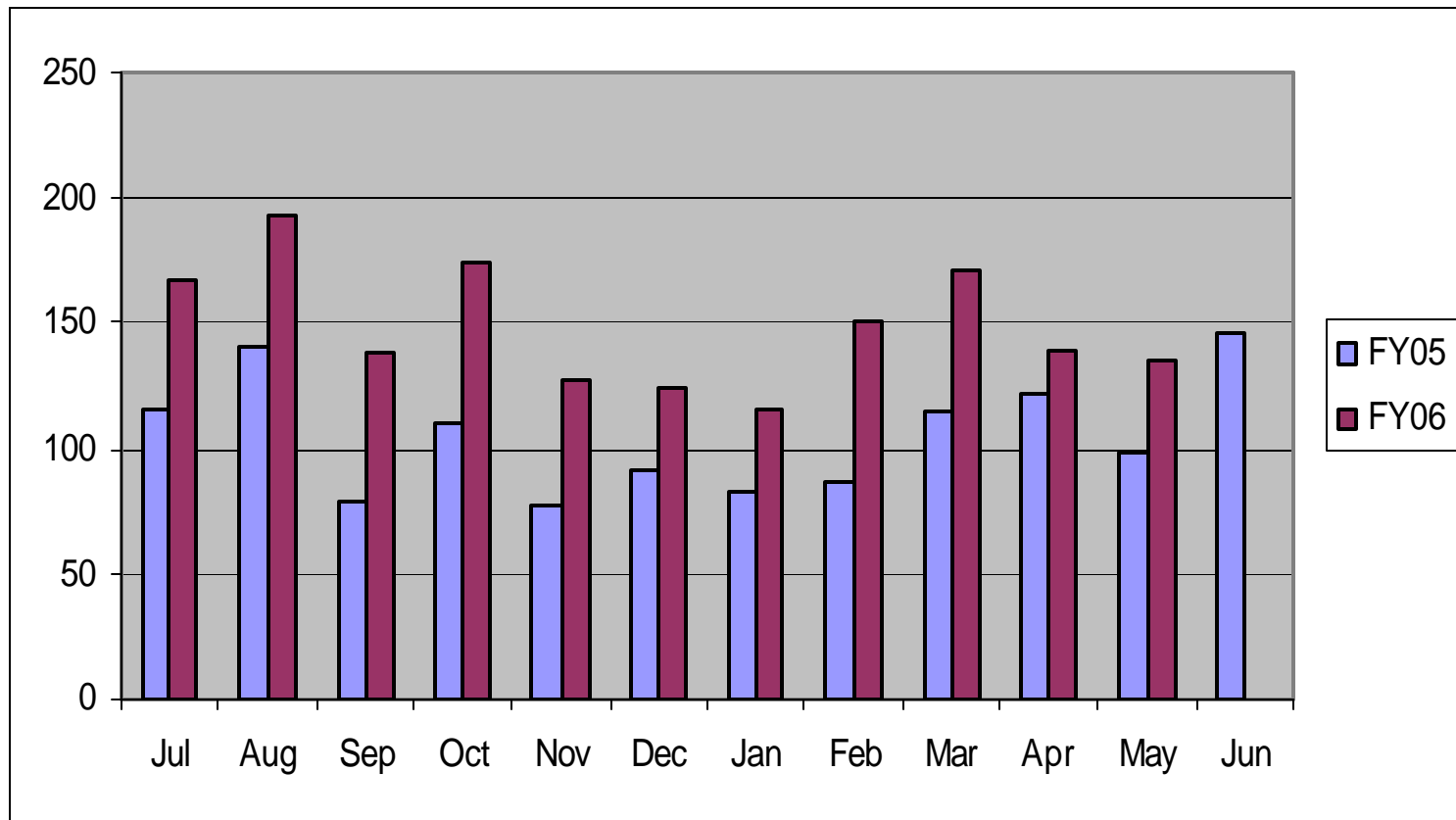
[The process continues in FY2007.]

### 3. LIBRARY – FY06 Accomplishments & Initiatives

#### Circulation improvements:

- Evaluated use of museum passes and implemented innovations.

#### Library Museum Passes given out by Month



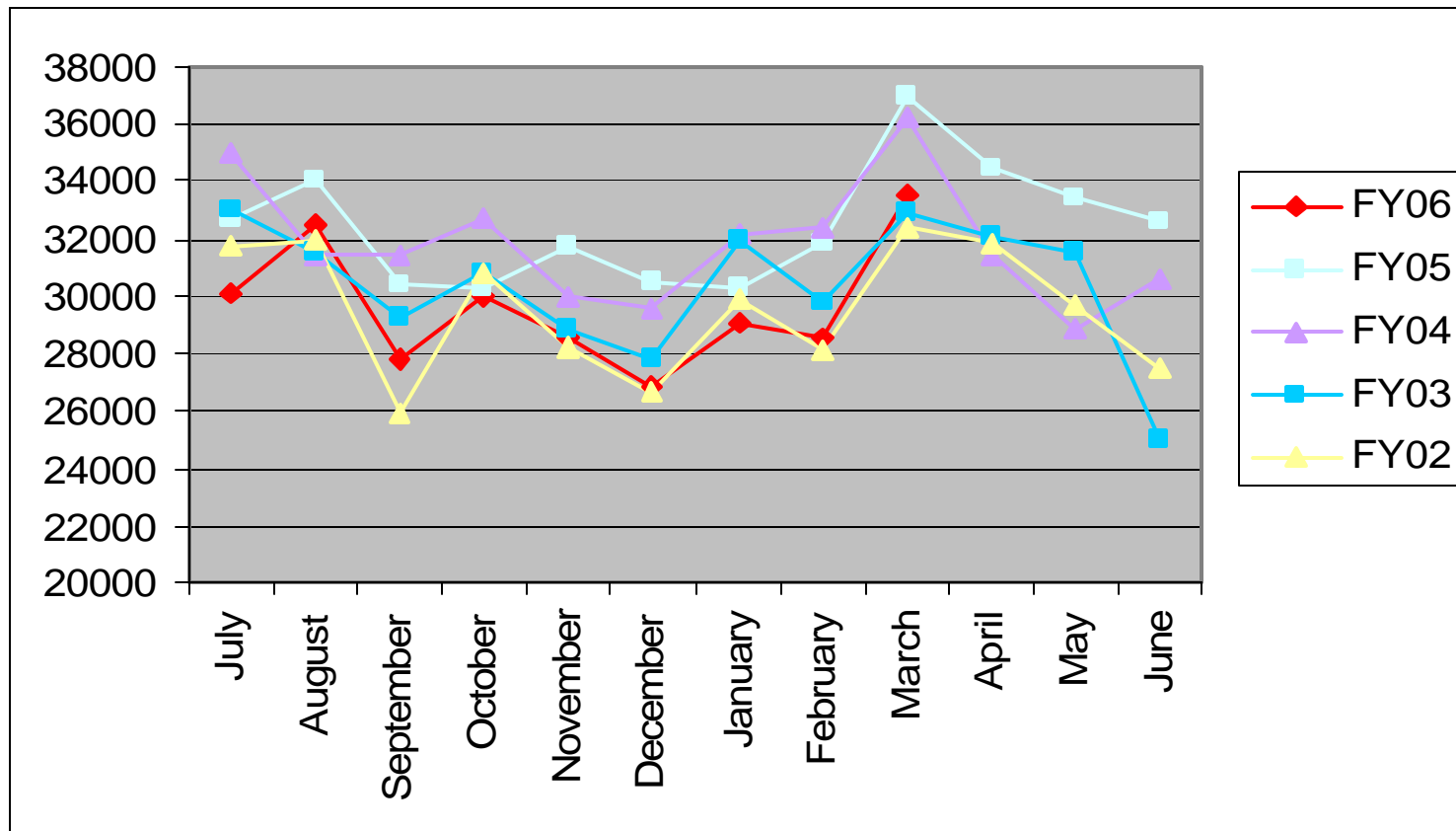
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Totals
FY05	116	141	79	110	77	91	83	87	115	121	98	147	1265
FY06	167	193	138	174	127	125	116	150	171	140	135		1636

## 4. LIBRARY– FY06 Accomplishments & Initiatives

### Circulation:

- Tracked and compared monthly circulation data and established goals for improvement.

### Somerville Monthly Circulation Statistics



## 5. LIBRARY – FY07 Goals

**Continue to work with the Department of Public Works to improve the custodial care of our buildings and implement a daily task schedule.**

- Work towards Library suggestions for a more effective daily janitorial task schedule for three buildings.
- Use 311 system as a tracking device for custodial requests.
- Continue to monitor patron suggestions for improvements to care of the buildings.

## 6. LIBRARY – FY07 Goals

**Expand the Library's ESOL collections and undertake more outreach to immigrant communities, particularly using the East Branch Library as a connection point.**

- Build on strength of Library's collections of ESOL materials; allocate more material budget resources to ESOL.
- Increase growing cooperation with SCALE.
- Continue to build connections with Welcome Project.

## **7. LIBRARY – FY07 Goals**

**Conduct public meetings and issue press releases concerning the results of the library study by Providence Associates and to engage citizens in future planning for facility improvements, in conjunction with the Mayor's Office and Strategic Planning.**



## 8. LIBRARY – FY07 Budget Proposals

- **Open Central Library on Saturdays in the summer, July 8<sup>th</sup> through August 26<sup>th</sup>, 9am - 5pm.**
- **Open Central Library on 39 Sundays during the school year, September 9<sup>th</sup> through June 17<sup>th</sup>, 1pm - 5 pm.**

**Average Count of People per Hour for each Day**  
**(3/3/06-5/7/06) at Central Library**

